

Minutes for the 4/21/15 meeting of the Durham County Adult Care Home Advisory Committee

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order.

Nanette Matthews did not renew her appointment. Kendy Madden was sent notice that we need to know whether she is interested in participating, the deadline for which was 4/17/15. We now must wait for the county commissioners to act on the issue.

Jennifer Ashley is being appointed to our group. Gwen Price or Martha Simpson will contact her.

Minutes from January 2015 should reflect that Jenna Meints was excused.

The minutes from 3/17/15 were approved.

Old Business

Martha Simpson contacted Katie from the Nursing Home CAC. They plan to have a table at the Durham Farmers Market. Our committee wishes to partner with them. The NH CAC plans to do a PSA regarding visiting nursing homes for Nursing Home Week.

Flyers were distributed on the subject of elder abuse awareness and things to look for. Gwen Price will send information on this topic to the Mayor's Office requesting a proclamation.

Carmelita Karhoff brought samples of the laminated elder abuse awareness cards.

Earl Kirby spoke about the Durham County Volunteer Appreciation event. Earl, Delores McNair and Clifton Daye III attended on our behalf.

The by-laws and annual report have been submitted.

New Business

Aging Well in Durham has been scheduled for 5/2/15. We can host a table at the event. Anyone planning to attend should register. The Team Approach to Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Care Conference will be held on 6/9/15 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. These two conferences are a great way to fulfill education requirements for serving on the CAC.

ACH Specialist Report

There are no new homes on the horizon.

Supreme Family Care Home is under new ownership but the administrator remains the same.

Ombudsman's Report

On 6/25/15 the Caregivers Conference will be held in Durham. The Triangle J Ombudsman Program plans to have a booth for this full-day conference and is looking for volunteers.

With regard to state monitoring, the CACs passed with flying colors. The state reviewers were happy with all of the activities we are doing.

Carmelita brought copies of our brochure to distribute during care home visits.

Visitation Reports

A leadership meeting was held recently at Triangle J. One issue discussed was the way other committees report on their home visits. Some CACs suggest, rather than reporting line-by-line, starting with Areas of Concern and the Exit Interview. Prior to visiting, the team should review the report from the previous visit. If there were any areas of concern, follow up to see if they are resolved and document this on the current report. It was also suggested that verbal reports last about two minutes.

Once a visit is made, the report should be written as soon as possible. The author should send the report to the other team members for review. Once the team approves, it should be sent out to the entire committee. Committee members must have the report before it can be presented at a meeting and voted on.

Please use the Visitation Tracker to record visits.

December 2014 visits not previously listed in the minutes:

Team 4 visited Autumn's Way and Carolina House. These reports were approved by vote.

Supreme Family Care Home has been added to Team 1.

April Visits:

Team 2 visited Clare Bridge, Wynwood, Atria at Southpoint, Carillon, Angelica House, and Central Care #1. The committee voted to approve the visitation reports.

Carmelita share that during our visits we should be assessing the wellbeing of the total person as this is a basis for a resident-centered visit. She handed out a questionnaire for residents developed by the Center for Excellence in Assisted Living. This group also developed another questionnaire for staff. The one for residents focused on their wellbeing and sense of belonging in the ALF community.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on 5/19/15 at 9:00 am at the Durham Center for Senior Life.